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PRESIDING OFFICER'S **RULING NO. MC2001-1/2**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Experimental Presorted Priority Mail Rate Categories Docket No. MC2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING **GRANTING LATE ACCEPTANCE**

(Issued April 20, 2001)

The Postal Service has filed a motion for late acceptance of witness Kalenka's response to OCA/USPS-T3-1. The response was filed two calendar days late. Postal Service's Motion for Late Acceptance of Filing of Response to Interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, April 18, 2001. In support of its motion, the Postal Service cites counsel's need to be out of town on personal business and a resulting delay in consultations with the witness. It also indicates that it believes this slight delay has occasioned no prejudice.

Given the reasons the Service cites and the apparent lack of prejudice to any party, the Service's motion is granted.

RULING

The Postal Service's Motion for Late Acceptance of Filing of Response to Interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, April 18, 2001, is granted.

George Omas

Presiding Officer